

## University of Iowa College of Pharmacy Team Crowned 2026 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Champion



Competition in the 2026 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge (CRC) began in February with 69 teams vying for a spot in Round 2: Letter of Intent (LOI) Submission. Teams achieving the top 40 scores after the initial online Journal Club Round submitted an LOI. Teams achieving the top 20 scores after round 2 were invited to compete in Round 3: Research Protocol Development. Teams were tasked with developing a research proposal designed to demonstrate the value of clinical pharmacy-led services and/or initiatives in the area of pharmacogenomics. Teams were provided with a specific research environment in which to formulate their proposals.

The proposals were reviewed by the CRC Review Panel, with those ranking in the top one-third referred for evaluation and selection of awards by the CRC Oversight Panel. Please join ACCP in congratulating the finalist teams and award winners.

### 2026 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Finalist Teams:

- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences - Boston
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy
- Temple University School of Pharmacy
- University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy
- University of Florida College of Pharmacy
- University of Iowa College of Pharmacy
- University of Michigan College of Pharmacy
- University of North Texas Health Science Center UNT System College of Pharmacy
- University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy
- Washington State University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

### 2026 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Awards:

#### **Championship Team: University of Iowa College of Pharmacy**

**Proposal Title:** Pharmacist-Led SLCO1B1-Guided Statin Prescribing to Improve Statin Adherence and Reduce Patient-Reported Side Effects

**Student Team:** Tyler Moores, Jennifer Ho, Lauren Brady

**Faculty Adviser:** Erika Ernst, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCIDP

#### **Second-Place Team: Washington State University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences**

**Proposal Title:** Evaluation of a Novel Pharmacy Service Utilizing Genotype-Guided Tacrolimus Dosing in Kidney Transplant

**Student Team:** Drexler Yesiki, Kaedan Hwynn, Landon Wilson

**Faculty Adviser:** Alexander Stumphauzer, Pharm.D., BCIDP

#### **Third-Place Team: University of Michigan College of Pharmacy**

**Proposal Title:** Genotype-Enriched Interventions in Optimization of Medications in the Elderly (GENOME)

**Student Team:** Brett Haslem, Justin Xu, Emma Doederlein

**Faculty Adviser:** Michael Dorsch, Pharm.D., FCCP

#### **Fourth-Place Team: University of North Texas Health Science Center UNT System College of Pharmacy**

**Proposal Title:** Clinical Outcomes of a Pharmacist-Driven CYP2D6 Pharmacogenomic Service for Acute Pain Management

**Student Team:** Amun Majeed, Khushi Patel, Avae Odza

**Faculty Adviser:** Ashlyn Aguiniga, Pharm.D., BCACP, CDCES

These teams are invited to present their research design during a poster session at the 2026 ACCP Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City. In addition, each student

member of these teams will receive a complimentary Annual Meeting registration. For complete competition information, [click here](#).

Please join ACCP in recognizing and thanking the following members of ACCP for their contributions and service to the College in advancing this important program for our student members.

### 2026 CRC Oversight Panel

Sandra Benavides, Pharm.D., FCCP  
Doug Fish, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, BCCCP  
Anne Hume, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS  
Irene La-Beck, Pharm.D.  
Beth Phillips, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS  
Tiffany Pon, Pharm.D., BCPS  
Journal Club Author Panel  
Carol Heunisch, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCCP  
Pam Ku, Pharm.D., BCPS  
Dan Majerczyk, Pharm.D., BCPS, BC-ADM, CACP  
Dianne May, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS  
Journal Club Review Panel  
Allison Bernknopf, Pharm.D., BCPS  
Timothy Gladwell, Pharm.D., BCACP, BCCP, BCPS

### CRC Review Panel

Jacob Brown, Pharm.D.  
Kyle Burghardt, Pharm.D.  
Daniel Crona, Pharm.D., PhD  
Robert DiDomenico Jr, Pharm.D., FCCP  
Abigail Elmes-Patel, Pharm.D., MHPE, BCPS  
Teresa Ho, Pharm.D., BCPS  
Kelly Lee, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPP  
Abbie Leino, Pharm.D., BCPS  
Tien Ng, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS  
Philip Rodgers, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS  
Tyler Shugg, Pharm.D., PhD  
James Stevenson, Pharm.D., MS, BCPP  
Rebecca H. Stone, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCACP, BCPS  
Chad VanDenBerg, Pharm.D., BCPP  
Lusi Zhang, Pharm.D., PhD, MHI

For complete information on the Clinical Research Challenge, visit <http://www.accp.com/stunet/crc/eligibility.aspx>.

### Winners of the 2026 Visual Abstract Challenge Are Announced

ACCP's Visual Abstract Challenge offers postgraduate trainees the opportunity to combine primary literature evaluation skills with the ability to creatively communicate key components of the published research. All visual abstract submissions for the 2026 challenge were evaluated by 3 expert reviewers. Individuals with the top 5 submissions will receive complimentary registration to the 2026 ACCP Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City and ACCP gift codes redeemable for resources of their choice. Congratulations to the finalists!

First place was awarded to Alissa Frazzini, Pharm.D., MSMEd, PGY1 pharmacy resident at Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Second place was awarded to Cami Hunger, Pharm.D., PGY1 clinical pharmacy resident at Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, Houston, Texas. The other finalists were Emily Evans, Pharm.D., PGY1 pharmacy resident at Mayo Clinic Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona; Sara Mansour, fellow at Egyptian Fellowship Program, Giza, Egypt; and Albeir Messiha, Pharm.D., MS, MTM, PGY1 pharmacy resident at Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington, Virginia.

The ACCP Visual Abstract Challenge is open to current residents, fellows, and post-Pharm.D. full-time graduate students. This innovative and unique competition offers individuals an opportunity to build their visual abstract creation skills for prepublished work in preparation for their own future publications. The challenge will open again for submissions in the spring of 2027. The 2026 visual abstract submissions can be viewed at [www.accp.com/resfel/vac/abstracts.aspx](http://www.accp.com/resfel/vac/abstracts.aspx).

ACCP would like to thank the visual abstract reviewers: Nicole Acquisto, Arden Barry, Kelly Caudle, Erika Ernst, Julie Farrar, Michelle Fravel, Curtis Haas, Tyler Kennedy, Tyree Kiser, Daniel Longyhore, Jody Lounsbery,



## Futures Grants Application

Visit [www.accpfoundation.org/futures](http://www.accpfoundation.org/futures) for more details.

Application Due September 1, 2026



Mia Lussier, Ashley Meredith, Henry Okoroike, Megan Rech, Claire Schuman, Susan Smith, Amanda Sowder, Kevin Sowinski, Yujing Steenwyk, Paul Stranges, and Andrew Webb.

## Join Us in Salt Lake City for the 2026 ACCP Annual Meeting—Registration Is Now Open!



Mark your calendars for the 2026 ACCP Annual Meeting, October 17-20, at the Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City and Salt Palace Convention Center in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City.

This 4-day event brings together clinical pharmacy professionals for cutting-edge education, meaningful professional connections, and discussions shaping the future of patient care. Whether you're a student, resident, fellow, or experienced clinical pharmacist, the ACCP Annual Meeting offers programming and opportunities for every stage of your career.

### Why Attend?

Explore a dynamic lineup of educational sessions focused on the evolving landscape of clinical pharmacy practice, including:

- BPS-approved recertification credit opportunities in Pharmacotherapy, Ambulatory Care Pharmacy,\* Critical Care Pharmacy, Emergency Medicine Pharmacy,\* Geriatric Pharmacy, Oncology Pharmacy, and Pediatric Pharmacy\*
- PRN Focus Sessions
- Student-centered programming, such as the Clinical Pharmacy Challenge and Emerge from the Crowd
- Resident/fellow-driven programming, such as scientific poster presentations and career path roundtable discussions
- Recruitment opportunities

### Registration Is Open

Reconnect with colleagues, exchange ideas with peers and mentors, and strengthen your clinical expertise at this premier clinical pharmacy event. Registration is now open. Early registration rates end September 21.

### Reserve Your Stay at the Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City

This year, where you stay matters. The Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City is the only hotel directly connected to the Salt Palace Convention Center, meaning you're a 2-minute walk from every session, the Opening Reception, and PRN breakfasts and receptions, all just steps through the hotel lobby.

The hotel's 700 guest rooms feature floor-to-ceiling windows with breathtaking views of the Wasatch Mountains. Amenities include a rooftop heated pool with cabanas and fire pits, a 24-hour mountain-view fitness center, and multiple dining options including the rooftop restaurant.

ACCP has secured a discounted room block at \$265/night. Booking within the ACCP room block helps support the organization's ability to negotiate favorable rates and meeting terms for future meetings. [Book your room now—rooms are limited!](#)

*\*ACCP collaborates with ASHP on Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Critical Care Pharmacy, Emergency Medicine Pharmacy, Geriatric Pharmacy, Oncology Pharmacy, and Pediatric Pharmacy activities.*

## PRNs Invited to Present a Poster at the Annual Meeting

ACCP PRNs are invited to submit abstracts for posters to be presented at the 2026 ACCP Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City. Abstracts with a maximum of 300 words are welcome. Abstracts can be descriptive in nature and do not necessarily need to contain an evaluative component. The PRN Contributed Posters category offers an opportunity to present PRN member development events; grants, scholarships, or awards; position paper development efforts; or other PRN activities of interest to other PRNs or ACCP members in general.

Abstracts will not be peer-reviewed. One submission per PRN is allowed, and the deadline for abstract submission is September 1, 2026. [Click here](#) to submit an abstract.

## Recruitment Opportunities at the ACCP Annual Meeting

The [2026 ACCP Annual Meeting Recruitment Event](#) includes a Recruitment Poster Showcase for residency, fellowship, and graduate programs as well as practitioner and faculty positions. Take advantage of this early, streamlined, and cost-effective opportunity to connect with highly qualified, sought-after clinical pharmacy candidates. Preceptors, program directors, and practitioner/faculty recruiters registered for the Annual Meeting can secure a spot in the Recruitment Poster Showcase on Saturday, October 17. This intimate showcase offers an opportunity for meaningful conversation and connection with candidates.

Student, resident, and practitioner/faculty candidates registered for the Annual Meeting can sign up to participate for no additional charge.

Unable to attend the Annual Meeting? Plan to showcase your PGY1 programs during the [SNPhA X ACCP's Residency and Fellowship Showcase](#) on November 10 and 12 and/or your PGY2 or fellowship programs during a [virtual PGY2/Fellowship showcase](#) on October 28. Practitioner/faculty recruiters are invited to list positions in the [ACCP Career Center](#).

Learn more and register for the event [here](#).

## Attention Students and Trainees: Apply for 2026 Annual Meeting Travel Awards

Have you thought about attending an ACCP meeting but have limited financial resources to cover travel and registration costs? ACCP and its members want to help!

ACCP student and resident/fellow travel awards enable students and postgraduate trainees to attend ACCP meetings by awarding travel stipends. Apply online now for an award to attend the 2026 ACCP Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, October 17-20, 2026.

### How to Apply

**Students:** Student members of ACCP in good standing who are full-time students pursuing their first professional pharmacy degree at an accredited college or school of pharmacy are invited to apply for a travel award. Applicants should submit a completed online application, a CV or resume, a personal essay of up to 500 words describing the applicant's interest in ACCP and objectives for attending the national meeting, and 2 letters of recommendation from a clinical pharmacy practitioner or faculty member.

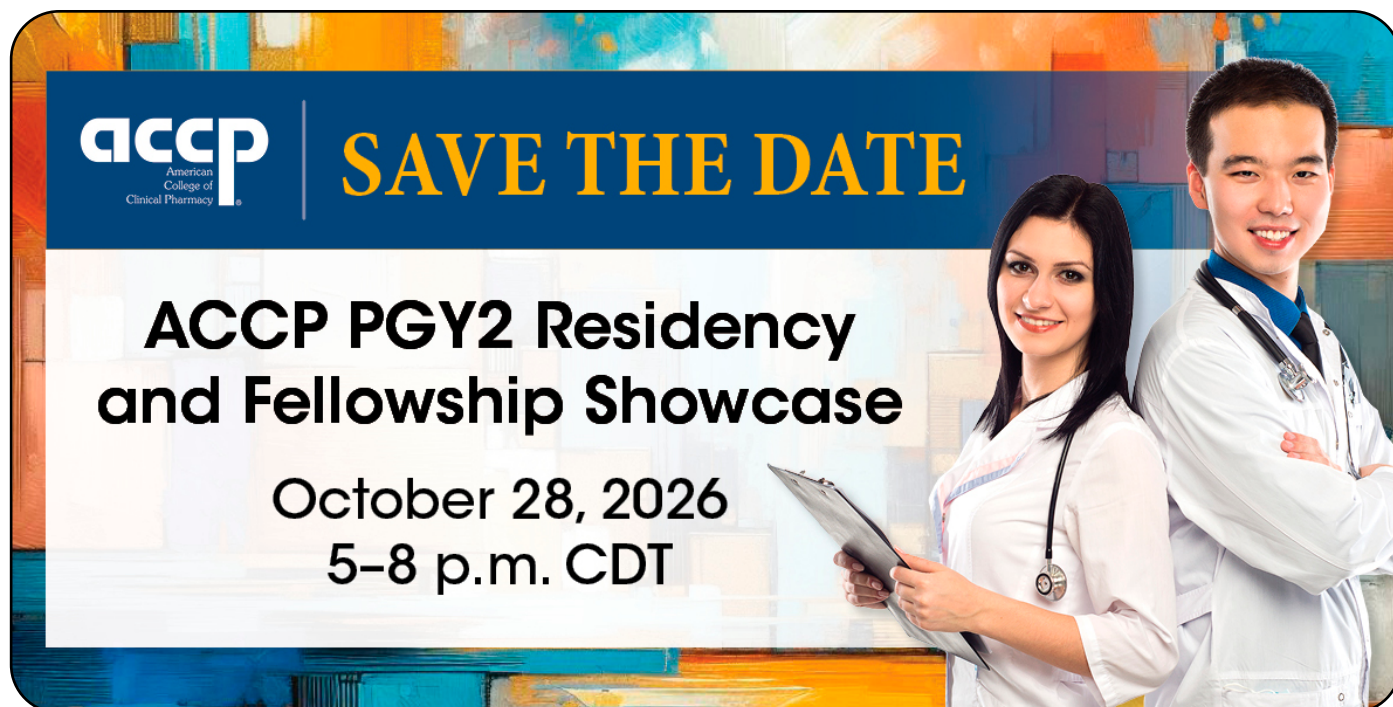
The Dr Kimberly B. Tallian Memorial Endowed Student Travel Award is also available to student travel award applicants. This award honors the legacy of Kimberly B. Tallian, Pharm.D., FCCP, FASHP, FCSHP, BCPP, APH, a neuropsychiatric pharmacist, longtime ACCP member, ACCP Foundation supporter, and Fellow of the College. Students interested in this award should include an essay that describes their interest in clinical pharmacy as a career, their interest in psychiatric or neurologic clinical pharmacy practice or research, their interest in ACCP, and their objectives for attending a national ACCP meeting. Applicants without an interest in psychiatric or neurologic clinical pharmacy practice or research will also be considered.

All application materials for student travel awards should be submitted [online here](#). The application deadline is August 28, 2026.

**Residents/Fellows:** To qualify, applicants must be current resident or fellow members of ACCP in good standing who are enrolled in a training program at the time of the meeting. Applicants should submit a completed online application, a CV or resume, a personal essay of up to 250 words describing the applicant's interest in ACCP and objectives for attending the national meeting, and 1 letter of recommendation.

All application materials for resident/fellow travel awards should be submitted [online here](#). The application deadline is August 28, 2026.

For more information on ACCP travel awards, contact [membership@accp.com](mailto:membership@accp.com).



The graphic features the ACCP logo (American College of Clinical Pharmacy) on the left. To its right, the text "SAVE THE DATE" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, the event title "ACCP PGY2 Residency and Fellowship Showcase" is displayed in large, bold, black letters. Underneath the title, the date and time "October 28, 2026 5-8 p.m. CDT" are listed in black. On the right side of the graphic, there is a photograph of two healthcare professionals: a woman in a white lab coat holding a clipboard and a man in a white lab coat with his arms crossed. The background of the graphic is a blurred image of a pharmacy or clinical setting.

## Investigator Development at the 2026 ACCP Foundation FIT and MeRIT Programs



Nineteen investigator-participants and mentors teamed up for 5 days of intensive investigator development at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy on June 1-5.

This marked the 11th offering of the ACCP Foundation Mentored Research Investigator Training (MeRIT) program and the 16th offering of the Focused Investigator Training (FIT) program.

The 5-day primer session kicked off the 2026 individualized, 2-year longitudinal MeRIT program, designed to mentor participants throughout the research process—from research idea and study design to IRB and funding application to data collection, results presentation, and manuscript submission.



### 2026 MeRIT and FIT participants and mentors.

**Back row:** Denise Rhoney, Sheldon Holstad (staff), Mark Shaefer, Faisal Darbar

**Second from back row:** Amanda Corbett, Adrienne Irwin, Omolola Adeoye-Olatunde, Robbie Parker, Sean Avedissian

**Middle row:** Warren Rose, Aaron Cook, Jo Ellen Rodgers, Ligang Liu

**Second from front row:** Emily Buatois, Saematou Traore-Uwalaka, Charlie Leonard

**Front row:** Hope Brandon, Faria Chaudhry, Lauren Cunningham, Kathryn Sawyer

The [2026 MeRIT primer participants will present posters](#) of their proposed research projects during the ACCP Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, October 17-20, 2026. Please stop by to learn about these projects, ask questions, and offer advice to these motivated researchers.



**Pictured:** Jo Ellen Rodgers, Hope Brandon, Faisal Darbar, and Lauren Cunningham

The Foundation's flagship program, FIT, delivers an unparalleled, rigorous, hands-on grant refinement experience for pharmacist-investigators pursuing funding from the NIH and other similarly competitive sources as principal investigators.

Assisted by skilled and successful research mentors, the 2026 attendees concentrated on developing and revising their individual proposals throughout the week.

Small-group sessions and individual worktime in each program allowed mentees to focus on their individual projects and immediately address questions and the recommended revisions. The small-group sessions were complemented by tip-rich lectures and discussions, one-on-one mentor appointments, and continual revision and feedback on ideas and proposals.

Learn more about FIT or MeRIT by visiting [www.accpfoundation.org/investigator](http://www.accpfoundation.org/investigator).

Watch for the summer 2027 FIT and MeRIT application materials on the ACCP Foundation website, and accelerate your growth as a clinical pharmacy researcher by submitting your letter of intent in February 2027 to attend one of the June 2027 programs. This approach to proposal development and investigator training with experienced and passionate mentors is unmatched by any other pharmacist training program.

### 2026 Investigator-Participants:

- Omolola A. Adeoye-Olatunde, Pharm.D., MS  
*Purdue University College of Pharmacy*
- Hope Brandon, Pharm.D., MBA  
*University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Pharmacy*
- Emily Buatois, Pharm.D., BCPS  
*The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy*
- Faria Chaudhry, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCACP  
*Purdue University College of Pharmacy*
- Aaron Cook, Pharm.D., FCCP, FKSHP, FNCS, BCCCP  
*University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy*
- Lauren Cunningham, Pharm.D., BCACP, CDCES  
*University of Illinois Chicago Retzky College of Pharmacy*
- Faisal A. Darbar, Pharm.D.  
*University of Illinois Chicago Retzky College of Pharmacy*
- Ligang Liu, Pharm.D., MPH  
*Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy*
- Kathryn M. Sawyer, Pharm.D., MEd, MBA, BCACP  
*University of Illinois Chicago Retzky College of Pharmacy*
- Salematou Traore-Uwalaka, Pharm.D., BCPS, CCHP  
*Correct Rx Pharmacy Services*

### 2026 Mentors:

- Sean Avedissian, Pharm.D., MSc, PhD  
*University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Pharmacy*
- Amanda Corbett, Pharm.D., FCCP, FAIHM  
*UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy*
- Adriane Irwin, Pharm.D., MS, FCCP, FAPhA, BCACP  
*Oregon State University College of Pharmacy*
- Charlie Leonard, Pharm.D., MSCE, MPH, FISPE  
*Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania*
- Robbie Parker, Pharm.D., FCCP  
*University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Pharmacy*
- Denise Rhoney, Pharm.D., FCCP, FNCS, MCCM  
*UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy*
- Jo Ellen Rodgers, Pharm.D., FCCP, FAHA, FHFA, BCPS, BCCP  
*UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy*
- Warren Rose, Pharm.D., MPH  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Pharmacy*
- Mark Shaefer, Pharm.D., FCCP  
*NC Triton Consulting*

# 2026 Clinical Pharmacy Challenge

Registration Deadline:  
September 8, 2026

[REGISTER NOW](#)



## ACCP Applied Mental Health Pharmacotherapy Certificate Program Starting June 24—Register Today

Don't miss your chance to build confidence in managing mental health medications starting June 24. This interactive, practice-based certificate program is designed for nonpsychiatric specialty clinical pharmacists who want to strengthen their skills and make a greater impact in patient care. No psychiatry specialty training is required.

Gain practical, immediately applicable strategies to support patients with mental health and substance use disorders, especially in nonpsychiatric settings.

- Convenient online format: Self-paced modules + 3 live sessions
- Core required and elective topics
- 13.5 ACPE-accredited contact hours
- Real-world tools you can apply right away

Not sure whether the full certificate program is right for you? The first two complimentary sessions provide a valuable introduction to key concepts in applied mental health pharmacotherapy and practical insights to support patient care. [Follow this link to access these introductory programs.](#)

Reserve your spot and start expanding your impact in patient care on June 24. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Apply Pharmacogenomics in Practice—Certificate Program Begins August 4

Advance your clinical practice with the Applied Pharmacogenomics Certificate Program, running August 4 through November 29, 2026. This ACPE-accredited, practice-based online program is designed to help clinical pharmacists build the knowledge and confidence to integrate pharmacogenomics into everyday patient care.

By applying pharmacogenomics in practice, participants can improve medication effectiveness, reduce adverse drug reactions, and support more personalized treatment decisions.

The program combines live virtual discussions with self-study modules, allowing participants to complete the course in just 3 months while earning 22.0 contact hours (2.2 CEUs). Participants will also learn from nationally recognized faculty with expertise in pharmacogenomics and clinical application.

For full program details, including learning objectives, faculty, schedule, and registration information, [click here!](#)

## 2026 Registration Rates

- **Members:** \$395
- **Nonmembers:** \$695

Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your expertise and enhance patient outcomes through the power of pharmacogenomics. [Register today to reserve your spot!](#)

## Attention RPDs and Preceptors—A New Certificate Program for Residents

Structured experiences during residency offer key opportunities to equip pharmacists with not only clinical expertise, but also the skills to lead and expand services. ACCP's Clinical Service Implementation Certificate Program for Residents helps bridge the gap between training and real-world expectations.

Residents are often expected to build and justify new clinical services in their first professional role. This program equips them with practical, implementation-ready skills, strengthening your program and preparing residents for success.

Benefits for your program include:

- Enhancing the focus on innovation and practice advancement
- Providing residents with real-world service development skills
- Strengthening your program's value to prospective residents

## Program Overview

The program combines flexible, self-paced learning with applied activities. Residents build a portfolio of practical tools, including business cases, implementation plans, and evaluation strategies, all with preceptor guidance.

Each enrollment includes 1 year of ACCP membership, further supporting professional growth.

Support your residents in becoming confident leaders who can implement and sustain impactful clinical services from day 1. Learn more and enroll residents at [www.accp.com/cmmres/](http://www.accp.com/cmmres/).

## ACCP National Resident Advisory Committee Applications Due July 15

Are you a resident or fellow looking to become more involved in ACCP? The American College of Clinical Pharmacy encourages postgraduate trainees who want to enhance their leadership skills, network with colleagues across the country, and interact with clinical pharmacy leaders to apply for appointment to the ACCP National Resident Advisory Committee.

The National Resident Advisory Committee is a standing committee composed of residents, fellows, or graduate students appointed each year by the ACCP president-elect. Members serve a 1-year term, and the committee typically has 8 to 12 members. Appointed leadership positions include the chair (1-year term) and vice chair (1-year term).

The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the ACCP Board of Regents and staff, providing feedback and assistance in developing new programs and services for resident members consistent with the College’s vision of clinical pharmacy practice, research, and education.

The committee will meet in person at the ACCP Annual Meeting in October and will communicate via conference calls and email to complete its assigned

charges. Appointees to the National Resident Advisory Committee will receive a complimentary meeting registration to attend the ACCP Global Conference in 2027. [Click here](#) for additional information on the application process or to enter your application. The deadline for applications is July 15.

## 2026 Preparatory Review and Recertification Course Release Dates

ACCP’s 2026 [preparatory review and recertification courses](#) are now available, with additional specialty courses releasing throughout June. Explore the schedule below to find release dates and available credit opportunities in your area of practice.

Course	Specialty	Release date	Credits
	<a href="#">Pharmacotherapy</a>	May 27, 2026	26.5 CPE credits 26.5 BCPS recertification credits
	Cardiology Pharmacy*	June 17, 2026	24.5 CPE credits <i>The 2026 course is not available for recertification credit</i>
	Infectious Diseases Pharmacy*	June 17, 2026	28.0 CPE credits 26.5 BCIDP recertification credits
	<a href="#">Oncology Pharmacy*</a>	June 10, 2026	26.0 CPE credits 26.0 BCOP recertification credits

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## ACCP Member Spotlight: Caitlin S. Brown



Caitlin S. Brown, Pharm.D., MPH, FCCP, FCCM, BCCCP, is an associate professor of emergency medicine and pharmacy and a medication knowledge management pharmacist at Mayo Clinic. She earned her Pharm.D. degree at

Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia and her master's degree in public health from the University of Minnesota. She completed a PGY1 residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and a PGY2 critical care residency at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine. After residency, she worked as a critical care and emergency medicine pharmacist at Mayo Clinic for 8 years before transitioning to a medication knowledge management pharmacist.

At present, she supports 3 academic centers and more than 10 community and critical access hospitals. In this role, she develops, maintains, and standardizes key enterprise pharmacy resources to promote safe, consistent, and evidence-based medication use across diverse practice settings. She also responds to drug information inquiries from clinicians and pharmacists across the enterprise.

Brown also remains engaged in academic work by mentoring pharmacy resident research projects and leading quality improvement/research initiatives. She has over 70 publications, with a focus on pharmacotherapy for critically/emergently ill patients and health equity. She was also recently awarded both the EM Pharmacist of the Year from the Academic Emergency Medicine Pharmacist Interest Group within the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine and the Early Career Research Achievement Award from the Academy of Geriatric Emergency Medicine.

Brown advocates consistently bringing the conversation back to the patient, especially to the needs of those who may be overlooked because of race, ethnicity, disability, health literacy, social vulnerability, or limited

access to follow-up care. As chair of the Mayo Midwest Pharmacy Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Council, she expanded the use of pronoun pins, led the development and implementation of an interview and hiring toolkit to promote equitable hiring, and organized department-wide education. Through this work and related research, she aims to elevate gaps in care and provide actionable recommendations to advance equitable, affirming care for transgender and gender-diverse patients.

Outside patient care, she creates a safe environment for team members by setting clear expectations for respect, curiosity, and shared accountability while modeling these behaviors. In addition, she encourages an equity lens by asking residents not only "Does this intervention work?" but also "for whom, under what circumstances, and how can we improve access and impact?"

Brown credits Gil Fraser, her PGY2 critical care residency director, as having the greatest influence on her career. He instilled intellectual curiosity, modeled patient-centered care grounded in respect and dignity, and promoted a commitment to lifelong learning. He encouraged her to approach complex cases with both rigor and openness, to challenge assumptions, and to learn from every member of the interprofessional team. In addition, he emphasized humility, finding purpose and joy in one's work, and sustaining pharmacist well-being to consistently bring their best selves to patients.

With that, her advice is to get involved intentionally. Choose opportunities that align with what genuinely motivates you to contribute consistently and develop skills that translate to patient care, research, teaching, and leadership. She values ACCP as a professional "home" within clinical pharmacy and credits the organization with turning ideas into action while supporting diversity and health equity. She believes this strengthens our profession and ultimately improves the care we provide for patients and communities. So, her advice is to say yes to getting involved, stay curious, and then keep returning to the work that energizes you.

*Save the Date*  
**SNPhA x ACCP**  
**Residency Showcase**  
November 10 and 12 • 4-8 p.m. CST

SNPhA is a subdivision of the National Pharmaceutical Association

## Washington Report

### Grassroots Call for Action: Tell Congress that Medicare Beneficiaries Need Access to Medication Optimization Services

John McGlew  
Director of Government Affairs



As part of its ongoing legislative advocacy efforts, ACCP is currently working with the [GOP Doctors Caucus](#), an informal congressional body of Republican members of Congress with medical and health care provider backgrounds dedicated to patient-centered health care policy. The caucus often provides meaningful guidance to congressional Republican leadership. It's natural that leaders in Congress listen to their colleagues with health care backgrounds and, more importantly, listen to constituents who are health care professionals. That's why we need you to get involved. [Click here](#) to write to Congress and explain why Medicare coverage should include access to comprehensive clinical pharmacy services.

#### Capitol Hill Strategy—GOP Doctors Caucus

Both independently and as part of multiorganizational coalitions, ACCP has been active on Capitol Hill, holding meetings with leading offices serving on the legislative committees with jurisdiction over Medicare:

- Senate Finance Committee
- House Energy and Commerce Committee
- House Ways and Means Committee

In particular, we have been conducting productive conversations with members of the GOP Doctors Caucus—composed of medical providers in Congress who work to develop patient-centered, patient-driven health care reforms focused on quality, access, affordability, portability, and choice. Targeting these offices provides ACCP with a forum to respond to questions over the “scope creep” advocacy campaign of the American Medical Association (AMA). By highlighting the Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists and the collaborative process of care that clinical pharmacists perform on behalf of patients, ACCP's team in Washington, DC, believes there is an opportunity to enhance our collaborative advocacy work with medical societies, including the AMA.

#### Grassroots Advocacy

ACCP's strategic priorities focus on developing, positioning, and advancing clinical pharmacists, and our Washington office takes this commitment very seriously.

We firmly believe that our advocacy success depends on helping policymakers understand the unique value that clinical pharmacists bring to patient care teams. Hearing directly from clinical pharmacists about your practice and impact on patients is essential to develop this understanding.

Our annual [Capitol Hill Lobby Day](#) brings clinical pharmacists directly to Congress, but even if you can't travel to Washington, DC, to lobby on Capitol Hill, you can quickly write to Congress to urge support for expanding Medicare coverage to include comprehensive clinical pharmacy services. ACCP has created a preformatted email template that allows you to automatically send a letter to your US senators and representative, according to your home address. This streamlined process ensures that you can make a meaningful impact in less than 2 minutes by expressing your views on this important issue. [Click here to take action now!](#)

#### ACCP-PAC Supports Our Advocacy Communications

ACCP-PAC is the only federal political action committee dedicated specifically to advancing the practice of clinical pharmacists and the care of their patients. We support candidates whose views align with ACCP's mission to advance the profession and improve human health and who have demonstrated leadership on issues important to ACCP members, such as protecting Medicare funding for pharmacy residencies. [Click here](#) to learn more about ACCP-PAC.

ACCP-PAC is the only means by which ACCP can provide financial support to help candidates for Congress who understand and support our issues and share our vision of a team-based, patient-centered, quality-driven approach to health care delivery.

ACCP-PAC is a nonpartisan, member-driven initiative, and all decisions regarding financial contributions to candidates are made by the [PAC Governing Council](#) according to certain established criteria:

- Position on key health care committees in Congress
- Proven support for pharmacy and health care-related issues
- Previous health care experience

ACCP members who contribute to the PAC may recommend candidates to receive contributions. All PAC contributor recommendations will be considered; however, we may not accommodate all requests. The ACCP-PAC Governing Council must approve all candidate contributions.

For more information, visit the ACCP-PAC website at [www.accpaction.org](http://www.accpaction.org) or contact John McGlew ([jmcglew@accp.com](mailto:jmcglew@accp.com)).

## New CMS Guidance Enables Clinical Pharmacists to Bill for Deprescribing Services

On May 4, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released its FAQs on Billing for Supervised Medication Deprescribing Services Under Care Management Codes on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS): [www.cms.gov/files/document/billing-supervised-medication-deprescribing-services-under-pfs.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/files/document/billing-supervised-medication-deprescribing-services-under-pfs.pdf).

CMS has taken a clear step toward advancing team-based care by encouraging models that leverage the expertise of clinical pharmacists in medication management and deprescribing. In its FAQ guidance, CMS directly addresses the role of clinical pharmacists in deprescribing services, affirming that:

Pharmacists can provide services incident to the professional services of a physician or non-physician practitioner just as other clinical staff may do . . . These “incident to” services can count as billable time . . . CMS encourages team-based care models that leverage the expertise of clinical pharmacists in medication management and deprescribing.

This clarification not only validates the contributions of clinical pharmacists but also establishes a payment pathway for comprehensive medication management services provided by clinical pharmacists. Pharmacists can receive reimbursement for clinical services delivered under “incident to” billing using CPT codes 99439, 99487, 99489, 99490, 99426, and 99427.

Practitioners can also work with their Medicare Administrative Contractor to address additional questions regarding criteria for billing deprescribing activities under various care management and other PFS services. Visit the PFS Care Management webpage for additional resources and billing guidance: [www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/fee-schedules/physician/care-management](http://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/fee-schedules/physician/care-management).

## NKF Consensus Statement and Resources to Support the Transition from CG eCrCl to Race-Agnostic 2021 CKD-EPI eGFR for Medication-Related Decision-Making

The American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) is partnering with the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) and other US pharmacy organizations to support a national transition to race-free estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) for medication-related decision-making.

This collaborative effort reflects a shared commitment to advancing accurate, consistent, and equitable approaches to assessing kidney function and optimizing medication use.

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A multiorganizational [consensus statement](#) encourages the movement toward race-free eGFR as a preferred approach in medication decision-making. Although implementation will occur over time, this represents an important shift that will ultimately influence prescribing, dosing, and patient care across practice settings.

Clinical pharmacists will play a key role in supporting practice change within their institutions, collaborating with interprofessional teams, and ensuring safe and effective medication use during the transition.

At the same time, however, additional research is still needed to guide the application of newer kidney function estimation approaches in certain patient populations. ACCP remains committed to supporting ongoing evaluation and evidence development to ensure these tools are used appropriately across diverse clinical scenarios.

The consensus statement and other valuable NKF resources on this topic are available on the [Pharmacy Work Group webpage](#). Of particular note is the Implementing Medication Decisions with eGFR (IMeD-eGFR) Community. This community is open to NKF members and nonmembers and will serve as a forum for sharing strategies and insights to advance the transition to eGFR. The first discussion is scheduled for July 16 at 4 p.m. (ET). Consider opting into the community by completing the brief form at the end of the IMeD-eGFR overview.

ACCP will continue to share updates, resources, and learning opportunities to help members stay informed and confidently integrate this change into practice.

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